

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

9. (original) A method for reconfiguring servers in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

dynamically modifying a first set of server names for a first server by adding a first server name to the first set of server names, wherein the first server responds to requests directed to the first set of server names;

dynamically modifying a second set of server names for a second server by adding a second server name to the second set of server names, wherein the second server responds to requests directed to the second set of server names;

determining that the first server requires reconfiguration; and

dynamically modifying the first set of server names by adding the second server name to the first set of server names.

10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the first server is reconfigured in response to a determination that the second server requires fail-over support by the first server.

11. (original) A method for reconfiguring servers in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

dynamically modifying a first set of server names for a first server by adding a first server name to the first set of server names, wherein the first server responds to requests directed to the first set of server names;

dynamically modifying the first set of server names by adding a second server name to the first set of server names;

determining that the first server requires reconfiguration;

dynamically modifying the first set of server names by removing the second server name from the first set of server names; and

dynamically modifying a second set of server names for a second server by adding the second server name to the second set of server names, wherein the second server responds to requests directed to the second set of server names.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the second server name is removed prior to connecting the second server to a network in the distributed data processing system.

23. (previously added) A method for reconfiguring servers in a distributed data processing system, the method comprising the computer-implemented steps of:

dynamically modifying a first set of server names stored on a first server by adding a first server name to the first set of server names, wherein the first server responds to requests directed to the first set of server names;

dynamically modifying a second set of server names stored on a second server by adding a second server name to the second set of server names, wherein the second server responds to requests directed to the second set of server names;

determining that the first server requires reconfiguration; and

dynamically modifying the first set of server names by adding the second server name to the first set of server names.